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Re patent application of: CARTER

Serial No.: 09/909,843

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For: STACKABLE VAPOR-EQUILIBRATION TRAY
FOR CELL CULTURE AND PROTEIN CRYSTAL
GROWTH

Examiner: Song

Art Unit: 1765

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Attached is:

- a response after Final Rejection dated
- ☒ a response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002
- a Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ a Petition for an extension of time
- ☒ Other: Attachment A

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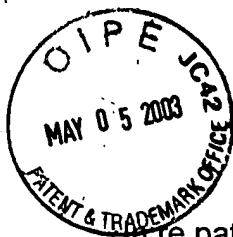
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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S I R :

In response to the Official Action dated November 4, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims in accordance with the marked-up version provided
herewith as **Attachment A**.

REMARKS

By this amendment, minor changes have been made to the claims without
affecting their scope so as to make it clear that the subject matter of the present invention
has not been disclosed or suggested in the prior art cited by the Examiner, and indeed
the central reference cited by the Examiner is the antithesis of the present invention since
it does **not** provide any clearance between the lower end of the upper tray and the top of
a sealable protein crystallization well which is the whole point of the present invention.
Accordingly, for reasons as described in further detail below, the present claims are novel
and unobvious over the prior art and are in condition for immediate allowance.